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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Shimkets *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/028,248 EXAMINER: Not yet assigned
FILING DATE: December 19, 2001 ART UNIT: 1643
FOR: NOVEL NUCLEIC ACIDS AND POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a five month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed April 18, 2002, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, November 18, 2002. Check No. 14512 in the amount of \$1,960.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-222 (Cura-522). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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